



THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 21, 1904.

THERE is a trite saying in the South that if you scratch an "independent" you will find a republican, and almost equally true is the saying that if you scratch a "reformer" you will find a scamp. This has just been verified by the hearing now being held in Norfolk of the primary election contest cases by a special committee of the democratic central committee. While on the stand yesterday E. P. Thomas, a judge of election, told of the grossest frauds in connection with the primary. He is a city employe, and was selected as a judge by Chairman Dey himself. He said that he consented to steal the election in the Fourth ward because he was not under oath. He thought his situation with the city government depended upon stealing the election, he said, and he then related that he had been taken into a stable loft by Dey and other "good government" leaders, where the false tally sheets were to be made up. He related to signing a paper on December 15th, and said that he did not know the contents of it. He said that the original tally sheets were burned at the time. Five other witnesses examined discredited Dey's tally sheets, which he offered the committee. Witness after witness from the Fourth ward testified that they had voted for men of the Treby faction, while in every case the tally sheets showed that they had voted for those of the good government side.

THE HACK and hearse drivers of St. Louis have struck. They claim they are backed by an international association having \$250,000 in the treasury, and that no funerals which they are not called upon to conduct shall take place in St. Louis. The Governor of Missouri and the chief of police of St. Louis have been in communication and measures have been formulated by which attempts will be made to afford protection to funeral processions. It remains to be seen whether or not scenes similar to those recently enacted in Chicago are to disgrace the city of St. Louis. Strikes and incidental disorders are unfortunate occurrences under all circumstances, but when men fight over the corpses of their fellow-creatures it would seem that they forfeit all claim to sympathy, no matter what injustice toward them superinduced the strike. The doleful rumble of a hearse and the surroundings of a funeral cortege afford dismal reveries, especially to the family from whom the deceased is taken, and those who would add to the burdens of the stricken ones place themselves in positions to be suspected of demonic possession.

THAT President Roosevelt is distasteful to many in the republican party has long been apparent, not only from the fact that he is calculated to endanger the success of that organization at the election this year should he be renominated, but for divers other reasons, many of a personal nature, the conservative members of the party regarding him as unstable. So long as he occupies the presidential chair more or less apprehension will be felt by members of both parties. The crusade of certain business interests against his nomination has now extended far into the West, where there is now a decidedly anti-Roosevelt movement. It is said that some such campaign as was directed against Mr. Bryan in 1896-1900 has been begun in the far West against Mr. Roosevelt. The great railroad magnates are said to be against him. The leading men of some of the great transcontinental railroads have passed the word along. The effect of it is already seen with the thousands of officials, railroad attorneys, banks, and allied business interests.

SENATOR BERRY, of Alabama, sees things as they are, and is one of the many who believe that the olden days were the better. In his speech at the Lee banquet in Baltimore on Tuesday night the Senator took occasion to hurl a thrust at President Roosevelt for his policy in Panama, and spoke of the cause of the secession of the southern States, saying: "It has been said that it was caused by greed. We are glad to see the day that a strenuous republican president of the United States said that secession in Panama was right." Senator Berry eulogized the memory of General Lee and paid a glowing tribute to the women of the South, saying that they deserved most of the praise. He also said: "If they mean that the new South is to take the place of the old South, I pray God that the new South will never come in my day. The old South produced the grandest and best men I have ever known—men who feared God, and who were not afraid of any mortal man. That is the kind of a South for me."

THE REPUBLICAN State committee held their meeting in Richmond yesterday, chose Norfolk as the city in which to hold their State convention and fixed upon March 3 as the date for that convention. Everything is supposed to have passed off harmoniously, but the

"organization" was in the ascendant and managed things to suit themselves, notwithstanding Congressman Slemm, the only republican Congressman from Virginia, was on the other side. The date for holding the convention was chosen amid great enthusiasm on motion of an "organization" member, who declared that this would give Virginia the first opportunity of any of the States to endorse President Roosevelt for reelection!

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Jan. 21.

When the court opened this morning in the Machen-Graff-Lorenz conspiracy trial, the proceedings were enlivened by the presentations to the court by Judge Kumer of three affidavits charging Postoffice Inspector Mayer and Gregory with approaching witnesses in the waiting room before they were called to the stand. The affidavits were made by N. H. Baumgartner, Machen's brother-in-law, cashier of the Westminster, Maryland, Union Deposit and Trust Co., and Wm. Sapp, a Toledo postal official, who were witnesses yesterday, and Diller F. Groff, son of Diller B. Groff, who, as a witness yet to be called, has been excluded from the court room. John C. Eckloff, cashier of the Saving National Bank of Washington, D. C., was recalled for a short cross examination by Judge Maddox. Harry Halstead, a clerk of the Home Savings Bank, Toledo, took the stand, and resumed his direct testimony on Mrs. Lorenz's transactions with the institution, involving checks made by D. B. Groff on Washington banks.

Senator Quay left here this morning for his Florida home at St. Lucie. His absence will be of indefinite duration. The Senator is also suffering from insomnia and hopes that a life in the open air will help him. The House committee on labor today decided to grant hearings on the bill of Mr. Sibley, prohibiting officers of the government from entering into contracts for prison made goods. Wardens of State penitentiaries are against the measure and are expected to come before the committee to be heard in opposition. Labor organizations will be heard in favor of the bill.

Bills providing for the erection of monuments to Wm. McKinley and Alexander Hamilton, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 each, in the city of Washington, were introduced in the House today by Representative Spaulding, of North Dakota.

Representative Hitchcock, of Nebraska, author of the resolutions for an inquiry into the abuse of government carriages by department officials, today introduced in the House a resolution calling upon the Secretary of War for a statement showing the amount of money disbursed in the past six years of flying airplanes, which through Professor Langley's ill-fated "Bazard" or otherwise.

Real estate agents have been hounding Senator Hanna, who wants a house of this. The Senator prefers that large white house, south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between the Treasury and the State, War and Navy building. Can you get it? The house referred to is the White House.

A report received at Berlin today states that the negro rebels in the German colony in West Africa have captured the settlement of Etios, near Windhoek, the capital of the district. It is feared all the white residents were slaughtered. Since the outbreak of the revolt in German West Africa, the Emperor has summoned a line, to Berlin, on several occasions, to obtain his advice relative to the transportation of troops.

The reactionary journals are today making strong protest against the Kaiser inviting the assistance of Ballin in military matters, because he is a Jew.

The committee of the democrats appointed by the caucus to prepare a resolution of inquiry addressed to the President on the Panama situation did not get together this morning. Senator Carmack has been called to New York and Senator Cockrell had to attend the meeting of the military committee.

When the committee will hold another session is not known. Representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers were heard by the House committee on coinage, weights and measures today, in opposition to the Shafroth bill, establishing the metric system of weights and measures. The opposition to the bill is directed to its compulsory features. The fact that the adoption of the system has been permissible for forty years and that yet it has made no gains, is quoted as evidence against it.

No amendments will be tacked upon the Panama canal treaty if the administration can prevent. A large number of importers, representatives of cordage factories and of firms engaged in furnishing supplies to the government and people of the Philippines, appeared today before the Senate committee on the Philippines bill requiring that all freight and passenger traffic between the Philippines and the United States must be carried in American owned ships. The bill has already been reported and is on the calendar of the Senate, but the interest affected claimed that this action was taken without due consideration, and without their knowledge. So far as can be judged from the questions of the committee members this morning it is unlikely that the committee will revise its favorable recommendation for the passage of the bill.

James Garvey, President of the Local No. 33, Marble Workers' Union, who was arrested last night on a warrant charging embezzlement of funds amounting to from \$130 to \$140, was this morning held in \$500 bail pending a hearing in police court Monday morning. Three months ago the local marble workers went on a strike for an increase from \$4 to \$5 a day. The extra one dollar was to be used for the benefit of workmen who were on a strike in various other cities. It was alleged that up to the present time none of it has been applied to the use intended. Garvey has been deposed as president and as the outcome of a conference between the members of the union and United States Attorney Mallows, the warrant for his arrest was issued.

Mr. Thayer, by request, introduced a resolution in the House today providing an amendment to the constitution so that the lands of the United States be divided among the people so that every citizen will have eight acres of fertile land for his own use.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Richmond Standard Spike and Iron Co., vs. Chesterfield Coal Company, argued and submitted.

Next case to be heard, Stedman vs. Seaboard, and Roanoke Railroad Company vs. Hickey, by &c. Moss vs. Harwood, being Nos. 41, 42 and 43, on argument docket.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Senate has practically determined to drop all amendments to the Panama canal treaty.

Mrs. C. B. Hollan, who is a deputy United States clerk in Dallas, Tex., has been notified that she is one of the heirs to an estate in Wales valued at \$40,000,000.

Cotton prices in New York surpassed all previous records since civil war times again yesterday, when March sold at 14.48 cents a pound, May at 14.55, and July at 14.61.

General Stephen D. Lee, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans has issued an unofficial call to every Confederate organization for subscriptions for a monument to Gen. John B. Gordon.

The Emperor of Korea has ordered that 700 swordsmen and clubs be distributed to the "Peddlars," who are nominally secret police and a dangerous element. Many Americans are leaving Seoul, fearing trouble.

The first exchange of views between the Russian and Japanese diplomats has not resulted in a definite conclusion. It is believed that Russia is willing to practically concede Japan's demands, but objects to putting it in black and white.

Just before the close of trading yesterday on the Chicago Board of Trade wheat sold an advance of over 2 cents a bushel over the final figures of yesterday, the price of May wheat touching 92 1/2 to 93 1/2 cents, as compared with 89 1/2 and 90 cents, the closing quotation of yesterday. The last sale was at 92 1/2 cents.

The \$30,000 bond bill of A. S. Rosenthal, a member of Rosenthal & Cohn, a firm indicted about two years ago on charges of fraud and conspiracy to defraud the Government by importing Japanese silk under weight and passing in fraudulent invoices, was forfeited yesterday in New York by Judge Thomas in the United States District Court.

Mr. Lawrence B. Kemp, former president of the Commercial and Farmers' National Bank, but now a United States bank examiner in the Philadelphia district, is under serious charges through a petition to have him declared bankrupt, which was filed in Baltimore yesterday in the United States District Court. The ground alleged is insolvency, but it carries with it the more serious charge of appropriating to his own use trust funds and money given him to invest.

ATTACK ON COUNTESSSES.

The two Countesses Marie and Agnes Goetzner, aged respectively, 61 and 58, had a terrible experience at the Hotel Frankenberg, in Dresden, the other night.

The two ladies had journeyed from their home in Silesia to pay a visit to some relatives, and late in the evening went to the hotel, where it had been arranged that they should sleep. The next room to theirs was occupied by a young student named Gaehle, who had spent the evening at the house of his uncle, a privy councillor. The two ladies had hardly got into bed when Gaehle smashed down their door and rushed into the room with a large knife in his hand, shouting out that he meant to kill them. They fought desperately for their lives, shrieking for help, and the noise awoke the proprietor of the hotel, whose name is Dienhold, and he rushed up stairs. On entering the room he found that one of the Countesses had been knocked down and was lying on the floor in a senseless condition. Gaehle was kneeling on the floor, belaboring her head with his fists and handle of the knife. Dienhold dashed at the student, and a fierce struggle between the two men ensued. During the encounter Gaehle bit off Dienhold's little finger on the right hand, and then dragged him to the window with the evident intention of pitching him to the street, 50 feet below. Weakened by the loss of blood from his hand, the proprietor was nearly overpowered, the student having raised him on the window ledge, when the proprietor's wife and several waiters appeared, and attacking Gaehle, made him release Dienhold. It was not, however, until three policemen had been called in that the student was overpowered and taken into custody. The two Countesses and Dienhold were removed to the hospital in a serious condition. Gaehle, who is only 22 years of age, is a studious young man of good family. During the evening he had shown no signs of eccentricity, and the doctors state that he must have become a violent lunatic.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Mr. Patterson yesterday completed his speech on the Panama canal question, and Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, began one on the same subject. Mr. Patterson declared that the President was largely responsible for the revolt in Panama, and announced his decided preference for the Nicaraguan route. Mr. Platt took his pronouncement for Nicaragua as the text for his remarks, saying that this preference for the more northern route explained away the mystery of the otherwise unexplainable opposition on the part of the democratic Senators to the Panama treaty.

By a vote of 201 to 68 the House passed the Hepburn pure-foot bill. An attempt was made to secure a roll call on the bill, but not a sufficient number of members joined in the request. The amendment adopted Tuesday in committee of the whole requiring the government to prove that a defendant had knowledge that the goods he offered for sale were adulterated was stricken out by the House. All amendments that seriously altered the bill were rejected, and the measure was finally passed in substantially the form it came from the committee.

VIRGINIA REPUBLICANS.—At the meeting in Richmond yesterday of the republican State convention, Norfolk was selected as the place for holding the State republican convention, and March 3 the date. Roanoke was a strong competitor, but the vote was 29 to 13 for Norfolk. A resolution was unanimously adopted indorsing President Roosevelt. The selection of Norfolk was a victory for National Committeeman George E. I. J. over Congressman Campbell Slemm, who endeavored strenuously to obtain the convention for the western district. Hugh Gordon Miller, United States assistant district attorney, and other Norfolk citizens put in good work for the seaside city. Chairman Park Agnew presided, and Captain Asa Rogers acted as secretary. The only real division was over the selection of the place of holding the convention, and from the outset it was evident that Norfolk would win under the powerful pressure of the State leaders.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Charles Bowie, of Caroline county, died yesterday after a brief illness aged 45 years.

Mr. W. S. Perry, for years connected with the Hunter plow works, died at his home in Fredericksburg Tuesday of pneumonia aged 55 years.

Mrs. Mary Janney, widow of Asa Janney, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. A. Baldwin, near North Fork, Loudoun county, Sunday last, aged between 75 and 80 years.

A steam pipe burst yesterday afternoon in Maury public school, Manchester. There was almost a panic among the 500 children. Several were scalded and one broke her arm by jumping from a window.

Major John F. Alvey, once a leading citizen of Richmond and a partner before the war of Major Lewis Ginter, is dead in San Diego, Cal., whither he went just after the war in search of health. He served with distinction in the civil war.

Mr. Sutton Peyton, formerly of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, but now manager of the Sweetbrier Institute Farm, in Amherst county, and Miss Marian Floyd, of Amherst county, were married yesterday at the Episcopal Church at Amherst Courthouse.

Mrs. Tazewell Taylor, 90 years old died in Norfolk yesterday. She was the widow of Hon. Tazewell Taylor, one of the most distinguished lawyers of his day. Mrs. Taylor was the daughter of William Dickinson, deceased, of Smithfield, and was the head of the numerous Taylor family in that section.

Gov. Montague went to Washington today to meet ex-Gov. A. B. Candler, of Georgia, and Auditor B. F. Dixon, of North Carolina. The three will visit the War Department, and confer with the proper officials in regard to obtaining the roster of soldiers from their respective States who served during the civil war.

There was a double wedding yesterday morning at the rectory of Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Towson, Md., the principals being Thomas Ernest Perry, 33 years old, and Miss Bessie G. Emanuel, 18 years old, and Mortimer Andrew Barbee, 21 years old, and Miss Madge Evelyn Perry, 26 years old, all of Orange, Va.

Col. William O. Yager, one of the best known men in Virginia, died at his home near Luray yesterday. Colonel Yager had been ill only a few days, and on last Friday attended the stockholders' meeting of the Page Valley National Bank, at Luray, when for the seventh time he was re-elected president of that institution. He served in the Confederate army.

The secretary of the Virginia Real Estate Association has secured special rates on all the railroads in Virginia. All of the members of the Association and others who wish to attend the meeting to be held in Richmond February 1st, can secure tickets by writing to C. R. Randolph, secretary, Charlottesville. It is expected that all dealers in real estate, both city property and farm lands, will attend the February meeting, as matters of importance will be discussed.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Opie introduced a bill to require railroads to elevate all bridges not less than seven feet above the tallest freight car. The maximum penalty for violation is \$10,000.

A bill offered by Mr. Anderson contemplates the expenditure of \$25,000 in a plant to furnish light, heat, and power to the governor's mansion, the capitol, and the library.

Mr. Holt offered a bill extending the terms of city officers in cities where the new constitution requires two branches of the council, until after such branches have been installed.

HOUSE.

Mr. Blackburn Smith introduced a bill to establish a bureau of archives and history for the State, and T. D. Jennings one to secure the muster rolls and a record of all the Confederate troops from Virginia. The bill provides for an appropriation of \$6,000 and a man to do the work, to be known as the military secretary, who will receive a salary of \$1,800 a year.

Mr. Royal introduced a bill to compel the use of exits in all public buildings not less than six feet wide, opening, outdoors, which shall be kept unlocked during all assemblies. Heavy fine and imprisonment is the penalty.

Mr. Snyder introduced a bill to require steamship companies to provide separate staterooms at their wharves for white and colored people. A fine of from \$5 to \$25 is the penalty for each violation, one-half to go to the informer.

Mr. Olds, of the House, and Mr. Thomas, in the Senate, introduced a joint bill for the purpose of checking the sale of cocaine, which, it is said, is increasing at a rapid rate in this State. The bill provides that only licensed druggists may handle the drug, and that they can sell it only to physicians or licensed pharmacists, though they may fill prescriptions with cocaine in solution of 5 per cent. The penalty is a fine of from \$20 to \$100.

Mr. Mitchell offered a bill looking to the securing of the proper valuation of the assessed values were fixed in the boom days of the State.

The death at Christiansburg of Arthur O. Stevens, announced. Mr. Stevens had been first doorkeeper since 1869, with the exception of four years, while the readjusters were in power. Memorial resolutions were offered and tributes were paid him by Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Moss, of Buckingham, both of whom were members of the body when he was elected, in 1869. A committee consisting of Messrs. Stubbs, Bowman and Heermans was appointed to attend the funeral, and they were requested to bring back with them the crutches used by Mr. Sullivan, who lost a leg in the battle of the Wilderness.

In the democratic caucus last night Dr. Gardner Tyler was nominated for judge of the Fourteenth judicial circuit, defeating Manly H. Barnes, of New Kent, while John W. Richardson won for register of the land office over S. V. Newhouse, of Culpeper.

Cured After Suffering 10 Years.

B. F. Hare, Superintendent Miami Cycle and Manufacturing Company, Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says, "One night while feeling exceptionally bad, I was about to throw away a newspaper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble. Sold by all druggists."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Negotiations Still in Progress.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger wiring under today's date says a well known diplomat confirms the report that Russia is sending fresh proposals to Japan. As a result the negotiations will last for several weeks. Russia, at any price, he says, will avoid war, and hopes to win Japan over to the same view. There is no saying, however, what Japan will do and it will be some weeks before her position will be made clear. Russia, the diplomat adds, will never permit intervention.

London, Jan. 21.—The Paris correspondent of the Central News wires that semi-official advices received from St. Petersburg state that the Russian reply to the latest Japanese note will reach Tokyo today.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—A telegram to the Novoe Vremya from Vladivostok says that news received there from Japan has dispelled fear of war. Peace is apparently assured for a long time to come.

Paris, Jan. 21.—A telegram from an official source in St. Petersburg says the difficulties which have been dividing Russia and Japan, and threatening a war between the two countries, have been settled in Russia's latest reply to the Japanese note.

May Use Scandal As Weapon.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Many scandals in high life are threatened as a sequence to the prosecution of James J. Tilbury, the English coachman, accused of attempting to blackmail Mrs. Hollis M. Thurston. Tilbury is said to belong to a secret organization known as the "Rich Men's Coachmen's Club." This club is supposed to be formed of fashionable Jehus who drive the carriages of the opulent. "I have received letters from members of the club," said Mrs. Thurston's lawyer, J. E. Ingram, "in which I am threatened with death if Tilbury is punished. My client has also been the recipient of some of the missives. The writers say they are acquainted with secrets of their employers, and promise to stir up the biggest scandals ever known in Chicago society circles." Some of the episodes said to be ready for revelation are midnight drives in which social leaders figure, clandestine meetings involving both men and women of high standing in the community and other startling transactions. "We have the dead chink drop on many of Chicago's best families," is the way one of the letters reads, according to Mr. Ingram.

Music Hall in Flames.

New York, Jan. 21.—Two alarms were sent in for a fire in the building formerly occupied by Koster & Bial as a music hall, on 23d street, between 6th and 7th avenues. After Koster & Bial moved to their present quarters on west 34th street, the building was known as the Bon Ton Music Hall. Recently it was fitted up as a bowling alley and gymnasium. The building extended from 23d street to 24th street. The blaze started in the third floor of the building, caused apparently by crossed wires. The blaze spread to the fourth floor and gutted both stories. The fire was got under control before further damage was done. There were no persons in the building when the fire started, except two instructors in the gymnasium, and these easily escaped by the stairs. The loss is estimated at between three and four thousand dollars.

Found Guilty.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 21.—Flam Honaker and Tom Easton, two of the negroes indicted for the burglary of St. John's Orphanage, on the night of Oct. 21st, were found guilty by the jury last night. Flam Honaker, much the older of the two, has still to answer the charge in another indictment of an attempt to outrage Sister Alma, who was the sole custodian of the orphanage on the night of the burglary. The Sister was unable to appear against her assailant, but Jim Lucas, an accomplice, turned state's evidence and told the whole story. Thomas Norris, a local colored attorney, was appointed to defend the negroes, and he endeavored without success to prove an alibi.

Prince's Remarks Cause Sensation.

Sofia, Jan. 21.—A speech which Prince Ferdinand made at the palace banquet last night, glorifying the reorganized Bulgarian army, has caused considerable excitement through the country. The prince said the creation of three new army divisions marked a new page in Bulgarian history, which would bring glory to the army and nation. All the diplomatic corps in Sofia was present at the banquet, with the exception of the Turkish minister, who was called to Constantinople to discuss with the Sultan the Bulgarian situation. It is reported that Prince Ferdinand has taken occasion to ignore this minister, as that he pointedly overlooked him at a military ball last week.

Explosion of Fly Wheel.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 21.—With a roar and crash that was heard nearly all over Johnstown, this morning at 1.30 the thirty-foot forty-ton fly wheel on the mammoth engine in the rail mill No. 2 of the Cambria Steel Works broke in pieces and tore the sides and roof of the building to wreckage, the engine governor broke and the speed of the wheel increased until it parted. The engineer, Theo. Hessler, who was near by, stuck to his post, until the power was shut down, and saved much damage. Hessler's head was cut, one leg was crushed, and several fingers smashed. His escape from death was miraculous. Three persons were killed outright.

No Interference to be Tolerated.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 21.—Governor Dockery yesterday on being advised by telegram that arrests had been made in St. Louis for interference with funerals, sent the following dispatch to the St. Louis police commissioners: "Funeral processions in Missouri must be untroubled by interference. Such interferences are at war with good citizenship and an outrage upon our civilization. Disturbances of this character cannot be tolerated and I fully endorse the action already taken by the department to prevent the repetition of any such disgraceful occurrences."

New York Stock Market.

New York, Jan. 21.—The stock market showed a fair degree of activity and decided strength in early dealings today. The advances were not sensational, except in a few instances, but as a rule they represented improvements of substantial fractions. The speculation continues to be influenced by the great cheapness of money and the increasingly favorable outlook for the maintenance of peace in the far East.

Newspaper Attack on United States.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—The newspaper Soviet publishes a four column vitriolic article today on America. It complains that the American interference in the Russo-Japanese trouble is very offensive and comments on America's sensitiveness to foreign interference in American affairs. This is followed by a long criticism of the United States consul at Odessa, Thomas E. Heenan, on account of his reports to his government regarding the massacre and the situation at Kishinev, which the Soviet stigmatizes as untrue. "The American consul at Odessa," says the paper, "must be made to feel the responsibility of his interfering in a place outside of his jurisdiction in a matter of law. It is impossible to allow the republican party in America, without protest, to deal with us in Russia, as it did with Spain in 1898."

Robbed by Masked Bandits.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—The Sunset Limited on the Southern Pacific Railway was held up last night by a gang of masked robbers between Paso Robles and San Ardo. The train was stopped by the usual red light methods. The express and mail cars were detached and run ahead to a secluded spot where the safe was removed from the car and blown open. It is not known how much plunder was secured by the robbers, who escaped on horses tethered in a glen near by. The passengers were not molested. San Francisco, Jan. 21.—Latest reports from the scene of the Southern Pacific Sunset Limited hold-up state that the sum of money which was in the safe, aggregated \$80,000. No word has been received from the posse in pursuit of the robbers.

The Maryland Senatorship.

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 21.—The deadlock in the senatorial contest still continues. The action of Senator Gorman and Boss Rasin in trying to force the nomination of Bernard Carter is causing great indignation. The vote today was: Rayner, 36; A. loss of 2; Smith, 30; gain of one; Jackson, 5; Miles, 4; Carter, 11, all democrats. McComas, republican, 38. Necessary to a choice, 63.

To Make the Negro White.

San Francisco, Jan. 21.—A series of experiments with radium, startling in their scope, has been undertaken at the University of California. An attempt will be made to turn the skin of the negro white. The tests have been undertaken by Robert A. Roosa, a senior of the college of chemistry, under the direction of the professors. The X-ray is to be used in conjunction with the radium in the experiments and the effect of the combined rays of the two on the coloring cells of the body will be determined.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Pope has expressed the belief that it would be better to have Archbishop Ireland first transferred to some more important archbishopric than St. Paul before elevating him.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who has been serving out a life sentence in an English prison for the poisoning of her husband, is most cheerful over the prospect of an early release. Her health and spirits are excellent.

The Birmingham, England, Post today quotes a friend of Oom Paul Kruger as stating that the health of the former President of the Transvaal is not only indifferent, but that he shows signs of a progressive decline.

The report that Hall Caine, the English author, was lying almost at the point of death in his country house, near London, was greatly exaggerated. He has been suffering much lately from insomnia, but outside of that his health is not bad.

It is reported in French diplomatic circles that the Franco-Siamese treaty, which is on the eve of being signed, has been side-tracked, and that a new one will be framed because the Czar of Russia objected to certain clauses concerning concessions to Siam.

The Central European Commercial League, whose purpose it is to conduct a propaganda throughout Europe against the American commercial invasion, was formally established at Berlin this morning at a meeting attended by many influential Germans.

A dispatch from Somaliland reports a successful British engagement with a force of Karias of Aligheri on January 17th. Major Kenna, in command of the British force, surprised the rebels, killed fifty spearmen and captured 3,000 camels and several thousand sheep.

Gen. Zonticheff, leader of the Macedonian committee, says that Paris and London believe a solution of the Macedonian question could be obtained along the same lines as were pursued in Crete, that is by dividing the country into sections, each power supplying troops and functionaries.

THE NORFOLK CONTEST.

E. P. Thomas, one of the judges of the election at the democratic primary held in Norfolk in October last, created a sensation yesterday by confessing irregularities. The contest is by defeated nominees on the ground of forged tally sheets. Three members of the State democratic central committee, Robert D. Gilliam, of Petersburg; Asa A. Watkins, of Farmville, and Lloyd T. Smith, of Heathville, are the sub committee to take evidence and report.

Thomas gave details of registering votes which were not cast and of not counting others as they were cast, so as to show a majority for the "good government" faction. He accused Chairman W. W. Dey, Election Judge Crosby and Street Inspector Lewis of going into the city stable lot two days after the election to correct the returns.

Many voters testified that their votes were not correctly reported on the tally sheets.

Thomas is the city blacksmith, and said in excuse that he was not sworn as an election officer; he wished to hold his job and that he thought there would be "no fuss" over the fraudulent returns. The testimony will continue for several days.

BURGLAR TREED BY DOGS.—A bloodhound man hunt, in which the quarry was a safe burglar, occurred yesterday afternoon in Isle of Wight county, Virginia. While R. A. Wright, a merchant of Everett's, was at lunch a burglar broke into his store through a rear window and stole \$50 from the safe. Hurricane Branch, with a small posse and bloodhounds, "Richmond" and "Tiger, jr." went to Wright's store, where a trail was struck. After being pursued through the forest the burglar, who was hard pressed, climbed a sapling to save himself from the dogs. He confessed and returned \$40 of the stolen money.

Fire last night caused damage to the extent of \$100,000 to the big brick business block of the William Allen Hayes estate, in Boston.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Meadville, Pa., is the grasp of the most destructive flood in its history. The entire fire department has been called out to save property.

Mr. Bryan will arrive in New York today, to attend the dinner of the Holland Society. It has also been announced that Judge Parker would attend the dinner and that he and Mr. Bryan would meet for the first time.

E. H. Erler, a German baker, of New York, 29 years old, who says a secret agency is endeavoring to get him to go to Washington and kill President Roosevelt, was sent to Bellevue Hospital today, to have his sanity looked into.

The State Normal College at Greensboro, N. C., was burned early this morning. Three hundred and fifty girls were asleep in the building at the time, but all were saved. Some of the girls, however, were thrown into violent hysterics and it will take them some time to recover.

Charles H. Trelawney, formerly a captain in the British army, who was convicted before Judge Foster, in New York, on January 7th, of forgery in the second degree, was sentenced today to nine years and seven months at hard labor in Sing Sing prison. It is said that Trelawney had two wives and two sets of children.